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NEW MINERAL DEPOSITS
DISCOVERED IN KWEICHOW

According to the Kweichow Geological Survey Office, Kweichow Province is rich in underground natural resources. During the war of resistance, aluminum which was the best of its kind in the nation was discovered in Hsiu-wen Hsien. Iron of a quality unequalled in southwest China was found at Kuan-yin Shan in Shui-ch'eng Hsien. Precious minerals exist but mining has not been developed because of limited manpower and finances.

To further economic reconstruction, the office has recently sent surveying expeditions into a few virgin areas. It is calculated that the early phases of systematized geological and mining prospecting of the entire Province will be completed this year, with emphasis on the southeastern region.

Recent discoveries by the office indicated there are rich deposits of gold, iron, zinc, antimony, mercury, coal, saltpeter, clay, and magnetite in an area covering Yung-chiang, Li-p'ing, Chin-p'ing, San-tu, Chien-ho, and Ts'ung-chiang Hsiens. Especially important is the antimony of Yung-chiang and the asbestos and magnetite of Ts'ung-chiang. In the region adjoining Ts'ung-chiang and Kiangsi, there is a vast spread of igneous and metamorphic rock that might contain radioactive minerals.

Detailed surveying of the areas mentioned will be conducted in two periods: (1) March-April 1949, Ts'ung-chiang, Yung-chiang and San-tu; (2) September-October 1949, Li-p'ing, Chien-ho, etc. Expenditures for the entire surveying project have been estimated at 59,200 gold yuan.

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